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DXCC COUNTRY/ENTITY REPORT

According to the AR-Cluster Network for the week of Sunday, 7th-February, through Sunday, 14th-February there were 231 countries active. Countries available: 3A, 3B8, 3DA, 3V, 3W, 4J, 4L, 4O, 4S, 4X, 5A, 5B, 5H, 5N, 5R, 5V, 5W, 5X, 5Z, 6W, 6Y, 7Q, 7X, 8P, 9A, 9G, 9H, 9J, 9K, 9L, 9M2, 9M6, 9N, 9Q, 9V, 9X, 9Y, A4, A5, A6, A7, A9, AP, BV, BY, C2, C3, C5, C6, CE, CE9, CM, CN, CP, CT, CT3, CU, CX, D2, D4, DL, DU, E4, E5/n, E5/s, E7, EA, EA6, EA8, EA9, EI, EK, EL, EP, ER, ES, ET, EU, EX, EY, F, FG, FH, FK, FM, FO, FP, FR, FY, G, GD, GI, GM, GU, GW, H4, H40, HA, HB, HB0, HC, HH, HI, HK, HK0/a, HL, HP, HR, HS, HZ, I, IS, J2, J3, J5, J6, J7, J8, JA, JD/m, JD/o, JT, JW, JY, K, KG4, KH0, KH2, KH6, KL, KP2, KP4, LA, LU, LX, LY, LZ, OA, OD, OE, OH, OH0, OJ0, OK, OM, ON, OX, OY, OZ, P2, P4, PA, PJ2, PJ7, PY, PY0F, PZ, R1FJ, S2, S5, SM, SP, ST, SU, SV, SV/a, SV5, SV9, T2, T30, T7, T8, TA, TF, TG, TI, TK, TL, TN, TR, TT, TU, TY, UA, UA2, UA9, UK, UN, UR, V2, V3, V5, V8, VE, VK, VK9W, VP2E, VP2V, VP5, VP6, VP8, VP8/h, VP9, VQ9, VR, VU, XE, XT, XU, XX9, YA, YB, YI, YK, YL, YN, YO, YS, YU, YV, Z2, Z3, ZA, ZB, ZC4, ZD7, ZD8, ZF, ZL, ZP, ZS

*** PLEASE NOTE:** The report "could" contain "Pirate/SLIM" operations or more likely a "BUSTED CALLSIGN". As always, you never know - "Work First Worry Later" (WFWL).

5X, UGANDA

Jack, NP2OR, is active as 5X7JD from Masaka. Reports indicate that he will stay there until May. He can be found daily on 40 or 20 meters SSB between 0500-1550z. He is using a IC-718 transciever w/100 watts into a Hy-Gain multiband vertical. QSLs only direct via Jack Dunigan, Box 100, Masaka, Uganda.

5W, SAMOA

Operators Bill/N7OU and Bob/W7YAQ are now active as 5W0OU and 5W0YA, respectively, from Apia until February 16th. This is the first part of their operation before being active from Tokelau (ZK3) between February 17th and March 10th (See **OPDX.940**). Operations will be on 60-10 meters but mainly on CW, with some SSB and RTTY, using 100 watts and vertical antennas. If you miss them on this trip, you will have another chance after their ZK3 operation between March 11-15th. QSL via their home callsigns.

5Z, KENYA

Cato, LA9PF, is now active as 5Z4/LA9PF until May. Look for him to be active mainly on SSB and the Digital modes. QSL only direct to: Cato B. De Savigny, POB 5642 Malindi, 80200 Malindi, Kenya.

6V, SENEGAL

Giovanni, I5JHW, is active as 6V7V from La Somone until February 23rd. Activity is holiday style (However, he was in the CQ WPX RTTY Contest this past weekend), and most of his operations have been on 20 meters SSB. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau.

7O, YEMEN (Interesting Item of the Week [Don't Get Excited]!)

It seems well known DXers Hrane/YT1AD, and Dmitry/RA9USU are currently travelling through Sana'a, Yemen. No details were provided on why, but you can track their Toyota Land Cruiser using the established CityPoint system. On the map it shows 7O/RA9USU traveling throughout Yemen. To view their travels, visit the Web page:

http://cplite.citypoint.ru
Login as: yemen
Password is: yemen

Presently, no details on whether any activity will take place or if a license was issued.

**** LAST MINUTE UPDATE:** The DxCoffee Web page is reporting the following from Hrane, YT1AD (not edited):"... We was 7 days in Yemen. After conversation in Ministry for telecommunication, with Director for FREQ and regulations, person, ex student in Russia, speak Russian and understand amateur radio, final answer is: NOT license for 7O. In last 20 years not any valid license is issued by Yemen Government and Ministry for telecommunication. King Husein from Jordan visited Yemen, but answer for HE King Husein was : NOT. Main reason is security!"

**** EDITOR'S COMMENTS:** OPDX has heard the above statement once before about amateur radio not being allow for 20 years in Yemen. Most recently in 2005 by Vladimir, UA4WHX. However, this can not be totally true because there have been operations that have taken place and have been accepted for DXCC. Two major operations stand out:

7O1AA - By 9K2DR and 9K2EC in late May and early June of 1990
7O8AA - By F2VX and F6EXV in late July and early August 1990

Also active and accepted was activity by the German group as 7O1YGF in mid-April of 2000 and OH2YY as 7O/OH2YY in early May of 2002. It is obvious that the above operations talked to/received the approval by the right individual in the Yemen Government with the proper authorization to issue a license and allow these operators to operate in "7O". Otherwise, the DXCC Desk would not have accepted these "7O" operations.

8P, BARBADOS

Yuri, VE3DZ, will be active as 8P9AA between February 15-23rd. Activity will be on all HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. His activity will also include the ARRL International DX CW Contest (February 2021st) using the callsign 8P3A as a Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via his home callsign.

9H, MALTA (IOTA Op)

Operators Olaf/DL4HG and Holger/DL5XAT will be active as 9H3TX during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via LoTW or via DL5XAT, by the Bureau or direct. Operators will be there between February 17-24th. QTH is **Gozo Island** (IOTA **EU-023**, MIA MM-004, WLOTA LH-0046). They will only be using 100 watts into vertical antennas.

9X, RWANDA

Operators Rudi/DK7PE and Georg/DK7LX are now active as 9X0CW and 9X0LX, respectively, in Kigali until February 18th. Rudy informs OPDX that they are running only wire antennas. Georg is concentrating on the higher bands and Rudy on 160m, using an Inverted Vee and a Pennant for RX. This is mainly a CW operation. QSNs show most on the activity has been on 160 and 30 meters. QSL via their home callsigns.

A9, BAHRAIN (Update)

Dave, EI3IO, has received his license and is expected to be active as A92IO from Sar, Northern Region, Kingdom of Bahrain (**AS-002**). His activity will last until at least August 2011. His focus will be on 80-10 meters, but he does plan to be on 160 meters. QSL direct to: Dave Court, P.O. Box 31183, Budaiya, Bahrain. QSL can also go by the Bureau to EI3IO. For more details about QSLing, please see **(QRZ.com)**. He has a A92IO Web page at:

http://A92.ath.cx

ANTARCTIC ACTIVITY WEEK

Nuccio, I0YKN, will be active as IA0ANT from Italy between February 22-28th, for the Antarctic Activity Week. QSL via his home callsign. A special award is available. For details, go to:

http://www.dreamingsea.it/diplomaasea.asp

C3, ANDORRA

Members of the "Andorran Amateur Radio Union (URA)" will team up with Spanish hams from the "Group Soria Contest Soria (URE)" and the "Union Radio Friends Soria (URASO)" to be active as C37NL during the CQWW 160M SSB Contest (February 26-28th). Carlos, EA1DVY, is the team leader. Activity is to celebrate 30th anniversary of the "Radio- aficionats Andorrans". QSL via C37URA. For more details, visit the following Web pages at:

http://ura30anys.blogspot.com
http://www.uraso.es/andorra160/html/principal_es.html

C6, BAHAMAS

Steve, AK0M, will be active as C6ASB from the **Grand Bahama Island (NA-080)** between February 16-22nd. He is one of many operating from the Bahamas for the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 27-28th). Operations will be holiday style and will include a part-time entry in the contest as a Single-Op/All-Band/QRP category. Bands will be 40-10 meters, and operation will be primarily CW. Power will be 10w outside of the contest, and at 5w during the contest. QSL via LoTW, or via AK0M by the Bureau or direct w/SASE. Visit his Web page at:

http://www.ak0m.com/c6asb/c6asb_feb_2010.htm

CR3/CT9, MADEIRA ISLANDS

German operators Walter/DJ6QT, Falk/DK7YY, Wolfgan/DK9VZ, Hein/DL2OBF, Tom/DL5LYM, Juergen/DL6WT and Frank/DL8WAA will be active as CR3L during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-? entry. QSL via DJ6QT. Operators will probably be active as CT9/homecall before and after the contest.

CR51100/CS5, PORTUGAL (Special Event)

Members of the "Portuguese Navy Ham Radio Club - NRA" and the Navy are proud to announce a special event to take place between 0900-1900z, February 18-20th, to celebrate the 1st centenary since radio telegraphy was first used as an official service in the Navy. Look for two special event stations, CR5100AM and CR5100VZ, plus an onboard station CS5DFG to be active. One station is located in Lisbon, the other station located 15 miles south of Lisbon and the third one not far from the others. A special QSL card and a special award have been issued by the Navy. The NRA will QSL all stations that contact one of these three stations during the dates and periods above. Look for the above stations on the bands and be awarded with a special QSL card and award.

CW3, URUGUAY (Lighthouse Activity)

Members of the "RADIO CLUB URUGUAYO" will be active as CW3R from the Punta Negra Lighthouse (ARLHS URU-015) during the upcoming South American Lighthouses Weekend between February 26-28th. Activity will be on 80-10 meters using CW, SSB and the Digital modes with at least two stations on the air. This year ARLHS is sponsoring this activity. This will be the second activation of PUNTA NEGRA LIGHT- HOUSE. QSLs for this activity only go DIRECT to: Radio Club Uruguayo, P.O.Box 37, 11000, Montevideo, URUGUAY, SOUTH AMERICA (w/SAE and 1 new IRC or 2 USDs).

DK4, GERMANY

Rich, W4GKR, recently active as W4GKR/TI5 from Alajuela, Costa Rica, is now in Berlin and should be active as DK4GKR by the time you read this. Activity will be mainly 40/20 meters using SSB and PSK31. Suggested modes and frequencies are:

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PSK -  7038 kHz (+/-) nite      SSB -  7183 kHz (+/-) nite
      14072 (+/-) 95% day             14183 kHz (+/-) day
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He is using an old Omni radio w/100 watts into G5RV. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by

the Bureau.

E4, PALESTINE (Update)

Dates for the upcoming E4X operation have been announced. Activity will take place between May 28th and June 6th. The operators mentioned are: Antonio/EA5RM (Team Leader), Roberto/EA2RY, Fernando/EA5FX, Manuel/EA7AJR, Jose/EA7KW, Florent/F5CWU, Alain/F6ENO, Bernard/F9IE, Fabrizio/IN3ZNR and Valery/UT7CR. Operations will be on 160-6 meters including 30/17/12 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY with at least 3 stations on the air at the same time on different bands and modes.
QSL via EA5RM: Antonio Gonzalez, P.O. Box 930, E-03200 Elche, SPAIN. Remember that a band and mode survey is being taken on their Web page at:

http://www.dxfriends.com/e4x/index.php

ED8, CANARY ISLANDS (Special Event)

Juanjo, EA8BGO, will activate the special event station ED8BGO from the Canary Island's Space Center, February 16th. The Maspalomas Space Station is a center of Spanish satellite tracking under the National Institute of Aerospace Technology (INTA) and operated jointly with INSA.1. Officially called the "Canary Space Center," although it is a little known appellation even among the staff of INTA. It is located in the municipality of San Bartolome de Tirajana on the Island of Gran Canaria, just a few miles from the tourist resort of Maspalomas. For more details about the center, read Juanjo comments on QRZ.com at:

http://forums.qrz.com/showthread.php?t=236802
Also go to: **http://www.esa.int/esaMI/Operations/SEMWPDSMTWE_0.html**

EF8, CANARY ISLANDS

Operators Don/K4ZA, Val/RD3AF, Gimanov/RZ3AZ and John/W2GD will be active as EF8M from **Santa Maria de Guia, Las Palmas Gran Canaria (AF-004,** DIE S-005, WLOTA L 0969), during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-2 entry. QSL via UA3DX.

GB6GEO WEEKEND

Once again radio stations from around the world will be exchanging greetings over the airwaves with the English Riviera Global Geopark in May as amateur radio operators transmit live from Kents Cavern in Torquay, right in the heart of the English Riviera Global Geopark.

Using a special event call sign, GB6GEO, will establish contact with other radio stations around Britain, Europe and around the world from a base set up outside the entrance to Kents Cavern, Devon’s internationally famous Stone Age cave and gateway to the English Riviera Global Geopark.

There are now 53 Geoparks around the world, but this special radio event is being coordinated from Kent's Cavern. Visitors will be able to link up with several other Geoparks by radio over the weekend, including Araripe Geopark in Brazil; Kanawinka Geopark in Australia; Langkawi Geopark in Malaysia; the Petrified Forest of Lesvos Geopark in Greece, the Brecon Beacons in Wales, Nature Park Terra Vita, Germany, Hateg Country Dinosaur Geopark Romania, Naturtejo Geopark Portugal, and to the Copper Coast Geopark in Southern Ireland.

Many Geoparks also have show caves, and those participating so far include: Smoo Cave in the North West Highlands Geopark in Scotland, Marble Arch Caves Geopark in Northern Ireland and Unicorn Cave in the Harz Mountains in Germany. With the event now global, the event will run from 0900z on Saturday, May 22nd, through the night to 1600z on Sunday, May 23rd.

GEOPARK CERTIFICATE: For amateur radio stations/SWL's around the world who contact/hear Geopark stations, the English Riviera Geopark is offering a special beautiful commemorative European Geoparks Network radio amateur certificate for contacts with GB6GEO (instant qualifier), or two Geopark stations excluding GB6GEO. (this award will also apply to SWL's on a heard basis). This certificate is endorsed by the Queen's husband H.R.H The Duke of Edinburgh, with his own words congratulating the holder. Certificates will cost in the UK 2.50 GBP each, in Europe 4 Euros and Rest of the world 5 USDs.

Alternatively certificate holders to be the first in their country to claim the certificate will have an 'FC' suffix following the certificate number. This denotes the first person in their country to claim the 'Geoparks' award. These certificate holders will be worth one point towards the basic certificate that requires two points, or work any five (5) certificate holders. Many of these certificate holders can be found in the Torbay Amateur Radio Society nets and/or details from the Web site at:

http://www.tars.org.uk

Certificate Manager/Direct QSLs go to Martin Foster, G3VOF (QTHR or **(QRZ.com)**). Please also see QRZ.com for the latest updates. Only log details are necessary.

QSL DETAILS: There are special glossy high quality souvenir QSL cards for this event promoting the English Riviera Geopark. All QSL cards will automatically be sent out via the Bureau, or send an SASE in the UK. If you are outside the UK, then please send an addressed envelope and sufficient funds for return postage. If you would like a card direct (Please QSL via G3VOF).

Any information required about GB6GEO, please contact Martin Foster (G3VOF) via E-mail at: martin@riviera.fm or via QRZ.com. If you live in Austria, Australia, China, Croatia, Norway, Czech Republic, France, Italy, Spain or Brazil and would like to participate this year (2010) in the Geoparks Communication Festival by putting on a "GEO" callsign, please get in touch with G3VOF via E-mail (at the above address).

HZ1, SAUDI ARABIA (Special Event)

Special event station HZ1IRH is now active through February 17th. Activity is to celebrate the "International Hail Rally"

http://www.hailrally.com.sa

Operations have been on 40 and 20 meters SSB. Operators mentioned are: HZ1AN, HZ1BT, 7Z1SJ, 7Z1CQ, 7Z1AQ, 7Z1AL, 7Z1OO, HZ1FH, HZ1CQ and HZ1HN. QSL via HZ1BT.

IOTA NEWS

AS-019. Wolfgang, OE1WWL, will be active as 9V1OE/p from **Sentosa Island** (Grid Loc. OJ11VH), Singapore, between February 17-23rd. He will be on SSB using his IC-703 running at 10 watts into a random wire. QSL via OE1WWL, by the Bureau (preferred) or direct to the 9V1OE address on QRZ.com. Visit his Web page at:

http://www.qsl.net/9v1oe

EU-065. Members of the F6KOP team will be active as TM7CC from **Ouessant Island** (DIFM AT-001) between March 12-20th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters, including the 30/17/12m bands, using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Operators mentioned are: Michel/F1AFW, Henri/ F1HRE, Gerard/F2JD, Gerard/F2VX, Franck/F4AJQ, Jean-Michel/ F4DLM, Olivier/F4FLF, Martin/F4UKP, Michel/F5EOT, Robert/F5HTR, Ghislain/F6CEL, Alain/F6ENO, Jean-Paul/F8BJI, Gabriele/I2VGW and Bob/N6OX. QSL via Bernard, F9IE. For more details, visit their Web page at:

http://www.tm7cc.com
Twitter page at: **http://twitter.com/tm7cc**

EU-068. Members of a French DX Group will be active as TM5EL from **Sein Island** (AT-007, L-2721, PB-106, Loc: IN78NA), France, between April 7-14th. Activity will be on the HF bands, as well as 6m, 2m, 70cm and 23cm, using CW, SSB and the Digital modes. QSL via F6KHI, direct or by the Bureau. Operators mentioned are: Tom/F4BCG, Pat/F4FCS, Antoine/F5RAB, Christian/F6AXN, Didier/ F6DXE, Francis/F6DPD and Jack/F8AEJ.

EU-078. Christian, EA3NT, will be making another attempt to **Formigues Islands** (DIE E-058, FEA E-0467, WLOTA LH-2128, ARLHS SPA-139) along with Oscar/EA1DR, George/EA2TA and Vincent/F4BKV. Callsign will be EG3FI, and operations will take place between June 25-26th. The first ever DXpedition to Formigues took place last year but only lasted for a few hours (See Web page: http://www.tinet.cat/~jfcp/eg3fi.html). ADDED NOTE: All the members of this operation will also be involved in the upcoming Flannan Isles (EU-118) DXpedition between June 18-21st

(See OPDX.944 or Web page: http://www.ms0int.com).

OC-261. Andrey (Andy), VK5MAV, will be active VK5MAV/5 (or possibly a special callsign/prefix) from **Flinders Island** sometime between September 21-28th (exact dates TBA). Activity will be on 40/20/15/10 meters, mainly on CW. He is looking for any help/support. QSL via VK5MAN, direct or by the Bureau.

SA-019. Operators Nilzo/PY6AWU, Jose/PY6HD and Roberto/PY6RT will be active as ZZ6Z from **Santa Barbara Island** in the Abrolhos Archipelago group between February 25-28th. The Brazilian Navy schedule could affect the dates. Activity will be on 80-10 meters SSB only. QSL via direct only to PY6HD.

IS0, SARDINIA

Members of the F6KOP Team will be active as IS0R from **Isola Rossa, Sardinia (EU-024**, Loc. JN41ka), between May 7-15th. Activity will be on 160-6 meters, using 3 stations on HF and 1 station on 6 meters. They plan to use CW, SSB and RTTY. Each station will be a FT450 with an Acom 1010 using Micro Ham and PC. Antennas include 6m Yagi Beam, Spider Beam for 30-10m, 4 square for 40m, vertical for 80m (K9AY) and an Inverted L for 160m plus a beverage. Operators mentioned are: Team leader Thierry/ F4TTR (SSB), Sebastien/F5UFX (SSB), John/F5VHQ (SSB), Sergio/IS0AWZ (SSB), Norbert/F6AXX (CW), Maurice/F5NQL (CW), Bruno/F5AGB (CW), Jean-Paul/F8BJI (Digi), Henri/F1HRE (Digi) and Frank/F4AJQ (Digi). QSL route TBA.

JD, OGASAWARA (Update)

Kirk, JF3MYU, will be active as JD1BNN between March 28-31st. He is part of the "JD1 PROJECT 2010" and is expected to be there with four other operators who will be staying long (See the next JD, OGASAWARA). Kirk's activity will be focused on the 30/17/12m bands, SSB, some CW and 6 meters. QSL is "OK" via the JARL Bureau but write JD1BNN on your QSL (so it can be sorted easily). Also, you can receive his QSL direct if you send your QSL to his address in Kobe, JAPAN: Kirk Itaya, 5-1-35, Daikaidori, KOBE, 652-0803 JAPAN. Please enclose SAE plus sufficient return postage. For JA stations, SASE, please. For NA, SA, EU and AF include one new IRC or 2 USDs. For Asia, one IRC or 1 USD.

JD, OGASAWARA

Operators Stan/AC8W (JD1BNK), Ted/K8AQM (JD1BNM), Steve/ K8QKY (JD1BNQ) and Brian/KG8CO (JD1BNJ) will be active from Chichijima Island (AS-031) as part of the "JD1 PROJECT 2010" between March 28th and April 12th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB and RTTY. Each operator will be active as follows:

JD1BNJ - Only RTTY and PSK31. JD1BNK - Mainly CW on the HF bands. JD1BNM - Mainly CW on the lower bands. JD1BNQ - Mainly CW on the HFbands and 6m. QSL via K8AQM, direct, by the Bureau or LOTW.

KH6BZF PROPAGATION FORECAST/REPORT (For February 15-21st)

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Feb  15    AN          SOLAR REFERENCE KEYS
Feb  16    AN-HN       --------------------
Feb  17    AN           BN - Below Normal
Feb  18    AN           AN - Above Normal/Geomagnetic Level is QUIET
Feb  19    AN           LN - Low Normal
Feb  20    AN           HN - High Normal/Geomagnetic Level is UNSETTLED
Feb  21    AN           DIS  - Disturbed
                        VDIS - Very Disturbed


  GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE
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  QUIET - The "A" index is expected to be between
          0-7 and the "K" index will be 2 or less
  UNSETTLED - The "A" index is expected to be between
          7-16 and "K" index will be 3 or less


*  PLEASE NOTE (From KH6BZF): THE NEXT 27.5-DAY SOLAR CYCLE IS FORECASTED
   FOR 1-6th MARCH, 2010, WITH SFI (SOLAR FLUX INDEX'S) BETWEEN THE HIGH
   80'S TO LOW 90'S....


** NEW PROPAGATION WEB PAGE. Juan Carlos, CO8TW, informs OPDX that he has
   created a Web page to help some people to understand the propagation,
   or just to get up-to-date data (automatically every 15 minutes) at the
   following Web page. Check it out at:
                        http://www.qsl.net/co8tw/pro.htm
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KP2, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

Operators John/K3CT and John/K3TEJ will be active as KP2/homecall from St. Croix between

February 17-24th. Activity will be on 160-10 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY and PSK31. Look for KP2M during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Multi-? entry. QSL KP2M via AI4U. All other QSLs via their home callsigns.

P2, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Paju, YO5BIM, will be active as P29VIM until February 21st. Activity will be on 30-6 meters using CW and SSB. He was spotted this past weekend mainly on 30 meters. He will be active mostly during his evenings. QSL via his home callsign or per his instructions.

QSL INFO AND NEWS

It has been reported that as of the beginning of February, Buzz, NI5DX, is the QSL Manager for **Tom/9M6TMT and Abdul/9M6RHM**. Buzz states that he already has the logs for 9M6TMT and is awaiting QSL cards being sent from Tom to Texas. Tom is very active and can often be found on the same frequency as John, 9M6JC, one of the other DX stations that Buzz assists. No log information has been transferred yet for 9M6RHM, but it will be shortly.

The Algarve STAR DX Team has added the following new logs to their "CT's Logs Online" Web page: **CT1FMX, CQ0ODX and CT2GZE**. You can find more than 116 logs online from both CT or non-CT Ham radio activities in the Portugal territories. Visit the Web page at:

http://algarvedx.com/logonline

If you did any kind of radio operation in CT, CT3 ou CU (CT8), you can send them your log for "CT's Logs Online".

QSL Z21DXI via SP5UAF, by the Bureau or direct. Operators was Mirek, SP5IXI/VK6DXI. An online log was made available by Tom, SP5UAF, at:

http://www.sp5ixi.dxing.pl/z21dxi

QSLS VIA LoTW: 6W/GM4FDM, 9A5Y, DF4HOA, EA6DX, FM5CD, HB9TQL, IT9MUO, LU7HEO, S52QM, UK/JI2MED, UT2FF/A, UT7UV, UT0EA, VP2MUM, XR0Y and ZF2CE

QSLS RECEIVED VIA MAIL: 5B/HG3IPA, 9M6/JA3AVO, 9N7RB, CE0Z/SM0CUK, GI0KIQ, GM0YDX, GW3YDX, S58N, SU9ZZ, TL0A, TO8YY, TX5C, VK9DNX, VK9DWX, VK9XX, VP2V/KN5H, VP2MNK, VP8SDX, YS4/N0AT, YS4/W0OR and ZB3R

QSLS RECEIVED VIA THE BUREAU: 3DA0VB, 4L0VB, 5H3VMB, 5R8VB, 5X1VB, 5Z4/UA4WHX, 6V7P, 7P8VB, 7Q7VB, 9J2VB, 9U0VB, 9X0VB, A25VB, C91TX, C91VB, D2NX, D20VB, D44TXQ, D60VB, D88S, DE0DKR, E51NOU, EI9JF, FP/KV1J, HB9TST, HS0ZBS, J20VB, JT1CO, KH6/DF8AN, KH8/AI4VU, P40Y, PJ7/K1XM, ST2R, ST2VB, T32OU, T6X, TC57A, TM6I, UK/JI2MED, UU9JX/MM, V51VV, VK9LA, VU7SJ, YL5M, Z2/UA4WHX and ZL7T.

ST2, SUDAN (Top-Band)

Robert, S53R, who is on a work assignment here (for UN WFP) since last September, has been active as ST2AR and is showing up on 160 meters but is having problems hearing NA. Look for him just before 0400z (his sunrise is around 0417z). He mentions that he does not even hear

the pileup because of the noise and only just a few stations can make it through the noise. Robert adds that he knows there are hundreds calling. He states (edited),

> "Unfortunately, I have a TX antenna on the RX too, so I am more or less deaf! Putting up a terminated RX loop on February 24th, after I return back from my holidays, I hope will improve the RX. From RX point, from this QTH is a nightmare - S9+10 noise 24/7! Basically, after I apply all the bells and whistles - NB, ATT, NR and fiddling around with the AGC - you need a solid S7 signal to make it through (which is a challenge to say the least) on the path between ST and US. Problem with RX antennas is space. While I have a rather big setup (10 element log periodic 14-28 MHz, full size rotary dipole 30/40m and 80/160m Inverted Vee at 28 meters) there is no space for beverages. I will, however, put up the loop..... I have all the stuff, just need a couple of hours to put it up. I will do it before the weekend February 27-28th (CQ 160m SSB Contest)."

T32, EASTERN KIRIBATI (New IOTAs To Be Activated)

A team of operators lead by Nils, SM6CAS, will activate four uninhabited IOTA islands (in the Southern Line Islands Group) that have never been put on the air before between mid-March and early April. Operators mentioned are: Nils/SM6CAS, Steve/G4EDG, Mike/K9AJ and Derek/G3KHZ. Also a team of 5 Government Kiribati officers will be with them. The team will sail on the "SV Kwai" from Kiritimati (Christmas Island) on approximately March 17th, returning to Kiritimati approximately April 18th. The IOTAs mentioned to be aired are: **Malden Island (OC-279)**, **Starbuck Island (OC-280)**, **Caroline Island (OC-281)** and Vostok Island (OC-282). Per their Web site (under construction), the team will operate from two sites (two stations each) and will operate on 40-10 meters using a variety of verticals and dipoles. The T32 Southern Line Islands Dxpedition's Web page is at:

http://t32line.webnode.com

V2, ANTIGUA & BARBUDA

Alan, N3AD, will be active during the ARRL DX SSB Contest (March 6-7th) as a Single-Op/High-Power entry. Both QSL route and callsign have not yet been announced.

V3, BELIZE

Luise, DL2MLU, is now active as V31MU from Consejo Shores until March 2nd. Activity will be on all HF bands but mainly RTTY. He is using a Kenwood TS-850 w/100 watts into 30m vertical for 80m or a Zepp antenna. QSL via his home callsign, direct or by the Bureau. Look for the log to be uploaded to LoTW sometime after his activity.

VK9X, CHRISTMAS ISLAND

Just a reminder that Phil/G3SWH and Jim/G3RTE will be active as VK9X/G6AY from Christmas Island between February 20-27th. **Christmas Island** counts as **OC-002** for IOTA purposes. The 2009 "Most Wanted" survey by the DX Magazine shows Christmas Island at #68 worldwide for DXCC purposes. Their activity will be on CW only on all bands 80-10 meters. There will be no 160 meters activity. Propagation permitting, they plan to have two stations on the air for as many hours every day as is possible. Their main objective is to work as many European, North American and RoTW stations on as many bands as possible. QSL via G3SWH, either direct with SAE and adequate return postage (recommended), via Phil's Web site for a Bureau reply or by the Bureau. There will be an online log that will be updated daily

at:

http:// www.g3swh.org.uk/christmas-island.html

XR2, CHILE (Lighthouse Activity)

Operators Hector/CE3FZL, Ricardo/CE3HDI, Hugo/CE3BBC, Cristian/CE3PCN and Esteban/XQ7UP will activate Punta Angeles Lighthouse (ARLHS CHI-001) in Valparaiso harbor as XR2A during the the South American Lighthouse Weekend (February 26-28th).

[Details on the LH weekend: http://www.grupodxbb.com.ar/faros2010.htm]

Activity will be on 40/20/10 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via CE3BBC direct only (see **(QRZ.com)** for details). NO eQSL.

XR9, SOUTH SHETLAND ISLANDS (Update/Delayed)

By the time you read this, a team of operators, from the Concepcion Radio Club (CE5JA), should be operating from Arturo Prat Chilean Navy Antarctic Base on Greenwich Island on the South Shetland archipelago (IOTA AN-010, WW Loc. GC07FQ), between now and the end of March. Their callsign will be XR9JA. Activity will be on 160-6 meters using CW, SSB, PSK31 and the AO-51 Satellite. Suggested frequencies are:
CW - 1834, 3504, 7004, 14024, 18074, 21024, 24894 and 28024
SSB - (*), 3780, 7078, 14200, 18145, 21295, 24995 and 28475 kHz
6m - 50115
Please note that ALL CW contact will be done with a PC (due to the absence of their CW operator). They request to: "Be patient with us! Will try to do our best and certainly we will have enough time." QSL via CE5JA. For more information, go to:

http://www.ce5ja.cl

XU7, CAMBODIA

Look for Peter, NO2R, to be active as XU7ACY from Sihanouk Ville during the ARRL DX CW Contest (February 20-21st) as a Single-Op/ Lower-Power entry. Peters states that he will be on all bands if he gets the C3 up in time. QSL via W2EN.

YI, IRAQ (Update/Need Ops!)

A group of operators called the "YI9PSE DXpedition team" are planning to operate from Kurdistan and be active between April 3-11th. The team will receive a ten day visa issued by the Government of Kurdistan. A band/mode survey is available on their Web site at:

http://www.yi9pse.com/survey.html

Suggested frequencies are also published on their Web page and **OPDX.937**. The current updated YI9PSE Team consists of the following operators: Paul/N6PSE (Team Leader), Bob/N6OX, David/AH6HY, Bill/N2WB, Dave/K3LP, Al/K3VN, Jack/W0UCE, Jun/JH4RHF and Heathem/YI1UNH. Pilot stations are: Don/N1DG (East Coast), Chuck/AA6G (West Coast), Toshikazu/JA1ELY (JA) and Col/MM0NDX (EU). However, they are still looking for two skilled CW operators. The group is also looking for donations to help fund their DXpedition. Donations can be made via PayPal or mail a check to: Kurdistan 2010 DXpedition, 3052 Wetmore Dr., San Jose, CA 95148, USA. Online logs will be available during and after the DXpedition. QSL via N6NKT. For more details and updates, visit:

http://www.yi9pse.com

YW0, AVES ISLAND

On the YW0A Web page, it was announced this week that the DXpedition team was invited by the Venezuelan Navy to go to the island between February 17th and March 26th. However, not all of the team members were able to take this time off. They are preparing/planning for the next "operational relief at the beginning of next April". For updates, watch:

http://yw0a.4m5dx.info/home.html

ZF, CAYMAN ISLANDS

Jeff, K0UU, will be active as ZF2MN/ZF8 from Little Cayman Island (**NA-016**) between February 2128th. Activity will be on 40-10 meters using CW only. QSL via his home callsign direct.

ZS8M, MARION ISLAND (Update)

Last week we mentioned that activity will take place from the #3 "Most Wanted DXCC Entity" (per the 2009 The DX Magazine survey) in April. Pierre, ZS1HF, will activate **Marion Island** (**AF-021**) as ZS8M at the end of April. He will be working on the island for one year as a radio/electronics technician once the supply ship "SA Agulha" returns to Cape Town. Pierre announced on February 7th, that he will be (trying) to take an amp. However, he states, "I have weight restrictions of 100kg for the whole year, which includes all my clothing and equipment." He also mentions that his antennas will only be dipoles due to severe winds and prevention of death to the birds. Updates will be forthcoming beginning in March when he does his training, and he will be creating a Web site with more info. Stay tuned!

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